

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

In re the application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING ADJUSTABLY BIORESORBABLE  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 18, 2012

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 29, 2011,  
a Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time being  
submitted herewith, please amend this application as follows: